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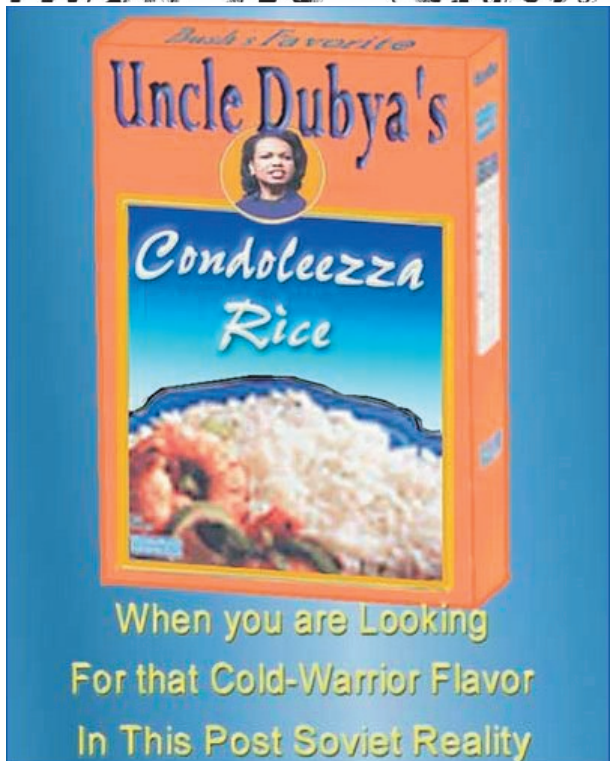


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"Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders, that is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the peacemakers for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in every country."
- Hermann Goering

From the Editor

The shit that pisses me off!

That fucking show "American Idol" makes me sick. Most of these people can't sing. It is a stupid ass show. Randy is shrinking, Paula just shows cleavage and Simon is an asshole. American Idol is full of shit. In the first one, Justin Guarini should have won instead of Kelly Clarkson. Fuck American Idol!

I stay at the Center for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV) shelter in Washington, DC. It is basically the largest and the best shelter in DC. The only thing in the men's section were I sleep, there are the most lazy and filthy grown-ass men I have ever seen. they don't even flush the fucking toilets and urinals after themselves. They leave the showers and bathroom all stinky and dirty, smiling like shit and piss. I hate that fucking place, but I have nowhere else to go.

Some observations of mine:

I believe Michael Jackson is not a pedophile. He is just a weird guy that has been making good music ever since he was a little kid. Besides, everyone in this country is supposed to be innocent until proven guilty? in a court of law. Is being nice to little children a crime now?

I still say that these shows, "Navy NCIS" and "24" are the rip-offs of Tom Clancy's and Robert Ludlum's novels.

Back in December 2003, that 350-pound black guy got exactly what he deserved from those Cincinnati police officers. If a big dude came at me like that, I would have beaten his ass down too! He tried to punch the officer out! Was it the right amount of force?

When you consider the circumstances at that particular moment, yes. He was hostile to the cops. The man died of a heart failure and he had high levels of PCP and alcohol in his system. When the police tell you to put your hands behind your back, you better do it. He was wrong and he got what he deserved. There is no need to have a riot over a crackhead that was wrong. What would you do if a high, drunk 350-pound man violently attacked you?

Is it just me or are FOX's "OC" and the WB's "One Tree Hill" TV shows similar? Maybe it's just me, because they both suck! By the way, where are the minorities on these shows? (What? A show about a high school basketball player but no black people on the team? Are there ANY black people and Hispanic/Latinos in Orange County, California (OC)? What about Asians? Hello?)

A ethnically and racially diverse look into the Navy and Marines is found on JAG my favorite show. Catherine Bell (Lt. Colonel Sara MacKenzie) is so beautiful. If Marines look like that, draft me for the service! Attention! Yes ma'mm!

They can find that bastard Saddam Hussein hiding in a fucking hole in the ground! He looks like a homeless bum. And he had his own cab and \$750,000 US dollars! Wow! We can see that things aren't any better for the people of Iraq!

Now let's find good-ol' Osama Bin Laden. We all know he is probably either in Iran, Saudi Arabia or Pakistan. So what taking so long? I'm waiting?

The 14 Characteristics of Fascism

by Dr. Lawrence Britt

Dr. Lawrence Britt has examined the fascist regimes of Hitler (Germany), Mussolini (Italy), Franco (Spain), Suharto (Indonesia) and several Latin American regimes. Britt found 14 defining characteristics common to each:

1. Powerful and Continuing Nationalism - Fascist regimes tend to make constant use of patriotic mottos, slogans, symbols, songs, and other paraphernalia. Flags are seen everywhere, as are flag symbols on clothing and in public displays.

2. Disdain for the Recognition of Human Rights - Because of fear of enemies and the need for security, the people in fascist regimes are persuaded that human rights can be ignored in certain cases because of "need." The people tend to look the other way or even approve of torture, summary executions, assassinations, long incarcerations of prisoners, etc.

3. Identification of Enemies/Scapegoats as a Unifying Cause - The people are rallied into a unifying patriotic frenzy over the need to eliminate a perceived common threat or foe: racial, ethnic or religious minorities; liberals; communists; socialists, terrorists, etc.

4. Supremacy of the Military - Even when there are widespread domestic problems, the military is given a disproportionate amount of government funding, and the domestic agenda is neglected. Soldiers and military service are glamorized.

5. Rampant Sexism - The governments of fascist nations tend to be almost exclusively male-

dominated. Under fascist regimes, traditional gender roles are made more rigid. Divorce, abortion and homosexuality are suppressed and the state is represented as the ultimate guardian of the family institution.

6. Controlled Mass Media - Sometimes media is directly controlled by the government, but in other cases, the media is indirectly controlled by government regulation, or sympathetic media spokespeople and executives. Censorship, especially in war time, is very common.

7. Obsession with National Security - Fear is used as a motivational tool by the government over the masses.

8. Religion and Government are Intertwined - Governments in fascist nations tend to use the most common religion in the nation as a tool to manipulate public opinion. Religious rhetoric and terminology is common from government leaders, even when the major tenets of the religion are diametrically opposed to the government's policies or actions.

9. Corporate Power is Protected - The industrial and business aristocracy of a fascist nation often are the ones who put the government leaders into power, creating a mutually beneficial business/government relationship and power elite.

10. Labor Power is Suppressed - Because the organizing power of labor is the only real threat to a fascist government, labor unions are either eliminated entirely, or are severely suppressed.

11. Disdain for Intellectuals and the Arts - Fascist nations tend to promote and tolerate open hostility to higher education, and academia. It is not uncommon for professors and other academics to be censored or even arrested. Free expression in the arts and letters is openly attacked.

12. Obsession with Crime and Punishment - Under fascist regimes, the police are given almost limitless power to enforce laws. The people are often willing to overlook police abuses and even forego civil liberties in the name of patriotism. There is often a national police force with virtually unlimited power in fascist nations.

13. Rampant Cronyism and Corruption - Fascist regimes almost always are governed by groups of friends and associates who appoint each other to government positions and use governmental power and authority to protect their friends from accountability. It is not uncommon in fascist regimes for national resources and even treasures to be appropriated or even outright stolen by government leaders.

14. Fraudulent Elections - Sometimes elections in fascist nations are a complete sham. Other times elections are manipulated by smear campaigns against or even assassination of opposition candidates, use of legislation to control voting numbers or political district boundaries and manipulation of the media. Fascist nations also typically use their judiciaries to manipulate or control elections.

A Black World Power

by Mba Mbulu

Black People in North America need to establish a Black Nation and become a world power in the European sense of the concept. Why the European sense? Because We have been systematically abused by white people (Europeans). To end that abuse, We must begin interacting with them in ways that they understand perfectly.

What is a world power “within that context”? After assessing the data, one would conclude that:

- (1) A world power is composed of intelligent people who, nonetheless, will take to an idea and bitterly defend that idea beyond the point of reason;
- (2) A world power is composed of people who are accustomed to working hard, working for something greater than monetary gain and working against the odds;
- (3) A world power is composed of people who are efficient. Efficiency is characterized by a sense of order, precision, punctuality and discipline;
- (4) A world power generates a leadership cadre that is buttressed by a substantial social and organizational infrastructure,
- (5) A world power has a leadership cadre that is dedicated to research, development, engineering and manufacturing that enables the nation to be technologically competitive and militarily threatening; and
- (6) A world power can point to a history of important military encounters and competitive successes.

Throughout the 20th century, only four legitimate world powers have existed. In Europe there is Germany. In North America, there is the United States.

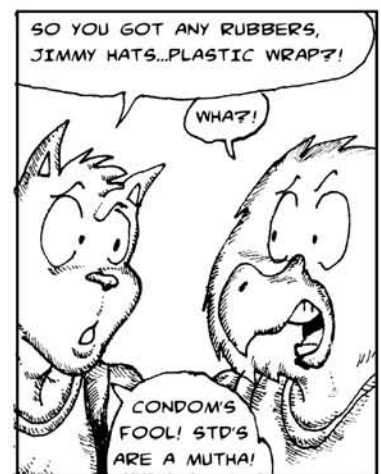
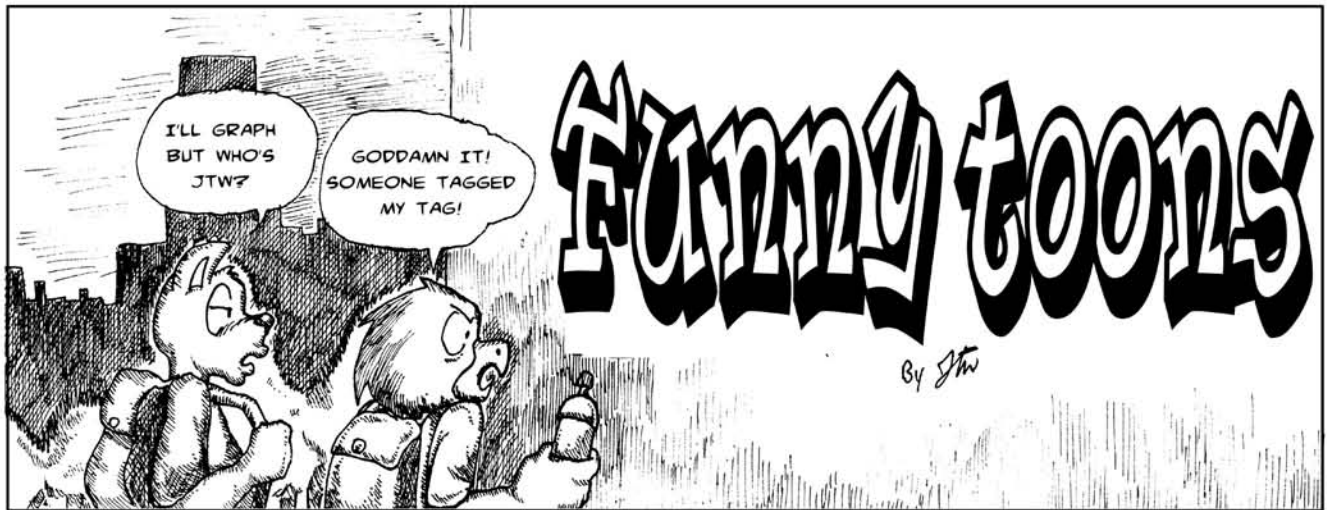
And from the East, there are China and Japan. “What about Russia?” you ask. Russia took on the airs of a world power, but an astute student of history would have recognized that Russia did not hold that title legitimately. That is why, even during the early 1970s. I was telling people that Russia was a paper tiger. You are also probably scratching your head about Japan. Even at this time, when it is theoretically without an army, Japan is a legitimate world power. Review the characteristics above and you will understand why.

Of concern to Black People is the absence of a Black nation on that list. What We, Black People in North America, have to do is develop the capacity to join that list. As always, We must do it on Our terms to the greatest degree possible. Why? Because while in the process of keeping up with the rest of the world, We do not want to pick up practices that are abusive or damaging to Our own people. So, where do We start.

Reading the list carefully, one recognizes that the most important element in becoming a world power is the people who make up the nation. If you observed properly, you detected that reasons number one, two and three revolve around people. If the people of a nation are not seriously into that nation, then that nation is a nation in trouble. As far as Black People in North America are concerned, the ideology that We must take to and bitterly defend is the right and necessity of Black People being independent and selfgoverning, wherever We may be. But the idea must be supported by actions. We must work hard promoting the concept of Black nationalism, and We must not expect any personal monetary gains as a consequence of carrying out that work. The gains We make as a People will be

much more valuable than any sum of money or material compensation. And, certainly, We must recognize that We will be working against the odds, but still march forward, ever and ever more determined. Many factors can overcome overwhelming odds, but none can do it as effectively as an efficient group of workers and pioneers. That is why We must not only work hard. We must work efficiently. That means possessing a sense of order, being precise, observing the rule of punctuality and demonstrating focus and discipline. A sense of order is the recognition that what you do is an essential part of a larger overall course of action. Being precise is doing what you are supposed to do in the manner you are supposed to do it. Being punctual is doing what you are supposed to do when you are supposed to do it. And being disciplined is maintaining the agreed upon course of action for as long as it is the agreed upon course of action.

The second most important element, in becoming a world power is the leadership cadre. Please do not fail to notice that the people are more important than the leadership. but leadership is a critically vital factor notice that the people are more important than the leadership. but leadership is a critically vital factor nonetheless. Point number four states that a world power “generates a leadership cadre.” That means that the leadership develops (1) out of concern for those who are suffering and (2) with the realization that the remedy must be applied in a way that satisfies those who are suffering. If these two factors are observed, the leadership cadre will be buttressed by a substantial social and organizational infrastructure. That social and organizational infrastructure, in summary terms, is the harnessed energy of the people. This harnessed



energy will

(1) support the leadership through thick and thin

(2) produce the institutions, norms and practices that enable the leadership to Command respect from other world leaders and

(3) enable the nation to develop serious damage (to its enemies) capabilities.

The leadership cadre must be dedicated to research, development, engineering and manufacturing, all geared toward the elevation of the masses of Black People. Black leadership must not doubt the principle that the development of the masses of Black People is a critical first step to the development of a world order that We are comfortable with. Even though Our well-being must not be Our only goal nor Our ultimate goal, it must be Our most immediate goal. More on this in subsequent columns.

The concept of Black selfdetermination must be beyond debate, absolutely beyond debate. Otherwise, We will vacillate and end up supporting somebody else's program.

*[In spite of all that has been said here, there is another bottom line that should not be overlooked: No single country could become a "world power" without the collaboration of Other countries. Among these collaborating countries are what I call "chump countries," countries that, for whatever reason(s), fail to insist on their rights and fight against all odds when challenged by the world's bullies. In the 1790s Haiti proved that the world powers can not will if the country they attack will not surrender. Forty years ago, Vietnam reminded the world of that fact. Some countries are bound to have larger and better equipped armies. but without the assistance of collaborating countries, no country could develop the ability to impose its will on the rest of the world.]



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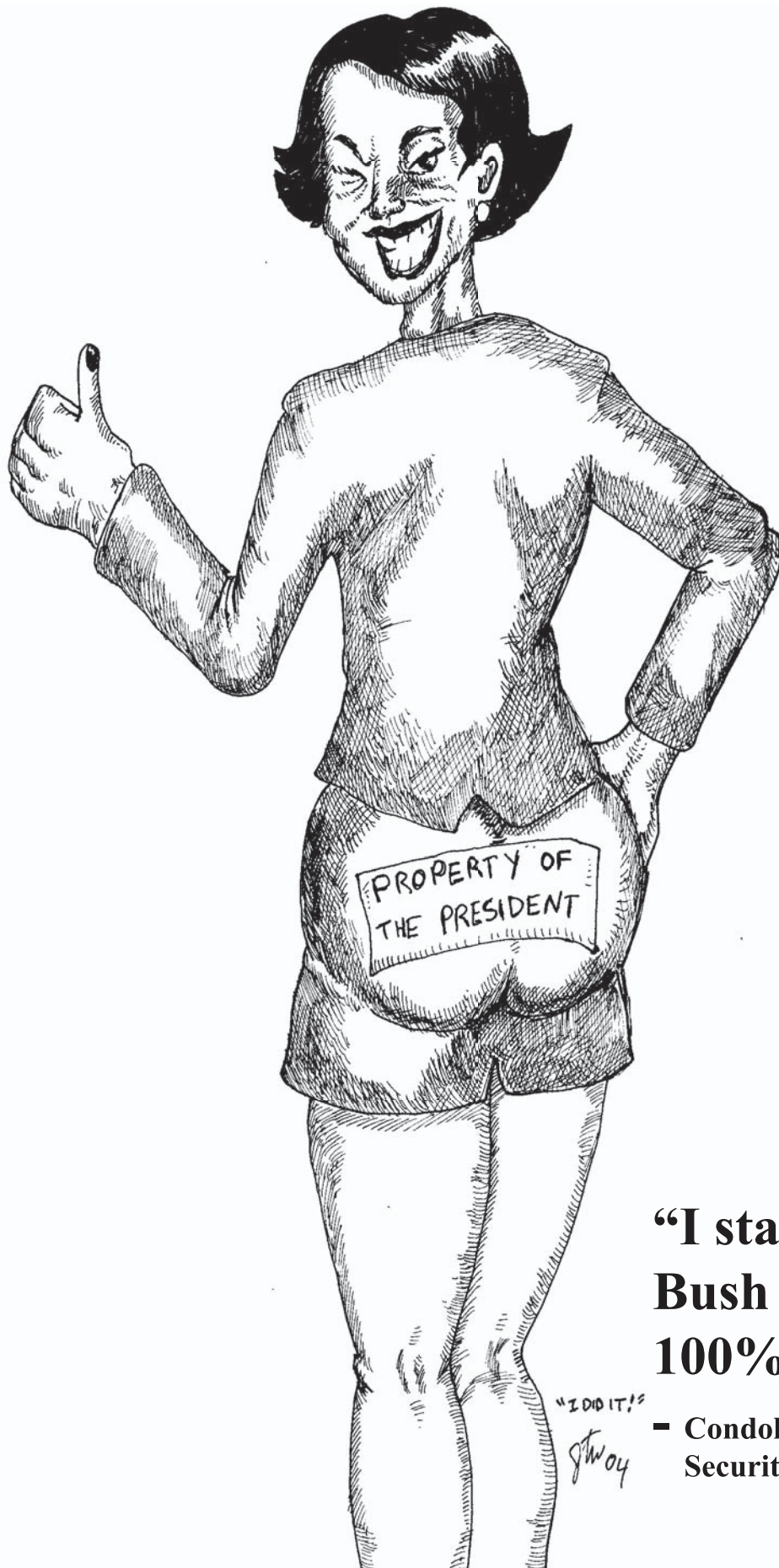
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-- From the citizens of Southeast Washington, DC, Ward 8



**“I stand behind the
Bush Administration
100%”**

— Condoleezza Rice, National
Security Advisor

Bush vs. Hitler

David R. Hoffman

Although the quest for or preservation of “democracy” is often used as a justification for war, history has incessantly revealed that such a quest is often little more than a thinly-veiled attempt to install a puppet regime.

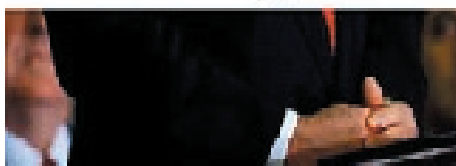
Nazi leader Herman Goering once remarked that it was easy to lead people into war, regardless of whether they resided within “a democracy, a fascist dictatorship, a parliament, or a communist dictatorship.” All that was required, Goering argued, is for their government to “tell them they are being attacked, and [then] denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to greater danger.”

Many years ago, when I was younger and more idealistic, I would have viewed Goering’s statement as an anachronism. After all, millions had suffered immensely during the nightmare of World War II, and it seemed that this historical imprint alone would have indelibly reminded people about the folly of blindly following leaders into war. Also (and despite Goering’s assertion) democracy appeared to offer additional protections from this folly as well, particularly in wealthy, industrialized nations like America, where freedom of speech and press permitted the free exchange of ideas, which in turn served to balance emotion and reason, and exposed any lies used to rationalize an unjust war. While it is true that America still suffered through the Vietnam era, it did not do so unquestioningly, nor with a blind faith in the nation’s leaders.

But the coup by the plutocratic supporters of George W. Bush in the year 2000, coupled with the invasion of Iraq, changed all that, revealing how easily Americans can be manipulated, how willing they are to be lied to, and how vacuous the freedoms of speech and press have become when the bulk of information is filtered through corporate-controlled media that profit from jingoism, propaganda and dishonesty. But, perhaps most disturbingly, these

events demonstrated that even though the words “freedom, democracy and human rights” are chanted like mantras by political leaders, many Americans have apparently welcomed, or at the very least are blissfully unconcerned about, the erosion of freedom, the abuse of human rights, and the nation’s growing transformation from a democracy into a neo-fascist dictatorship.

Although the quest for or preservation of “democracy” is often used as a justification for war, history has incessantly revealed that such a quest is often little more than a thinly-veiled



attempt to install a puppet regime. Decades ago, the folk singer Phil Ochs, in his song COPS OF THE WORLD (the lyrics of which are still hauntingly relevant today), stated that in American lexicon democracy is simply another name for profits, and that in poorer, “third world” countries democracy normally consists of an imperialist power handpicking leaders for the local populace to “elect.” The late Cuban guerrilla leader Che Guevara went even further, stating that in these impoverished

nations democracies are simply facades established by imperialist powers to placate the masses, when in reality “third-world” governments, burdened with debt and dependent upon wealthier nations for basic necessities, frequently have to implement policies that appease their imperialist masters even if it means the suffering of their own people.

More recently PRAVDA columnist John Bourke examined this phenomenon in the context of American efforts to allegedly install “democracy” in Iraq ([Iraqi Democracy or Our Iraqi Democracy](#), 12/1/03) by pointing out that the majority of Iraq’s population are from the Shiite sect of Islam, and a truly democratic vote would undoubtedly place their representatives into power. This could, Bourke explains, eventually lead to the establishment of a “fundamentalist Islamic state.” Yet, despite all the Bush dictatorship’s pretensions about the Iraqi war bringing “democracy to the region,” Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has flatly stated that no government in Iraq, even a democratically elected one, will be permitted to install an Islamic state.

After Rumsfeld revealed that the desire to promote democracy in Iraq was basically a lie, another “justification” for the war became the need to defend “human rights.” Clearly Saddam Hussein was a brutal dictator who maintained power through the use of fear, torture, disappearances and mass murders. But he was just one of many such dictators, some of whom are still in power and supported by the United States. The reality is that it was not the violation of human rights that disturbed the neo-fascist ideologies of the Bush dictatorship, but the fact that Hussein had simply exhausted his usefulness. It is particularly revealing that the demonization of Hussein came after he was no longer needed as an American ally, just as, under the first Bush regime, the demonization of dictator Manuel Noriega, and the subsequent invasion of Panama, occurred only after Noriega was no longer needed as an American

ally. Prior to this, the human rights violations committed by both these men were routinely ignored, and sometimes welcomed. As I reported in a previous PRAVDA article ([Politics of Assassination](#), 10/2/03), the CIA had on at least one occasion even turned over to Hussein a list of suspected communists with the knowledge that those on the list would be brutally tortured and executed.

It was also revealing that the invasion of Panama conveniently came at a time when Americans were outraged about the billions of tax dollars they would be forced to pay to bail out defunct “savings and loans” companies, whose financial practices had resulted in the unjust enrichment of the few, and the loss of life savings for the many. It is equally revealing that the invasion of Iraq came while many, if not the majority of, Americans, felt that the corrupt appointment of George W. Bush to the presidency had undermined democracy, and that his inept handling of the economy was resulting in massive job losses for the poor and middle-class, while the rich were benefitting from “tax cuts.”

In addition, America’s alleged “respect” for human rights continues to be a lie, since one of the largest terrorist training camps in the world, the School of the Americas, which is located within the boundaries of the United States, still trains murderers, torturers and rapists whose atrocities, primarily throughout Central and South America, make the number of people killed by Al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups pale in comparison. Ironically (or perhaps not ironically) Manuel Noriega was a graduate of this “school.”

Of course all of the issues and facts discussed above are not “deep, dark secrets.” But they also are not items Americans are likely to see or hear while watching or listening to news broadcasts from corporate-controlled media. These media are still licking their collective lips over the ratings and profits windfall sired by the Iraqi war, and are certainly not going to report upon anything that will prevent the Bush dictatorship from engaging in more wars and invasions in the future. So it has become the province of fictionalized dramas to

expose what the jingoistic “news” media want hidden.

One example is the medical drama ER (short for “Emergency Room”). In recent episodes an American doctor traveled to a war-torn African country



to provide medical services for the humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders. When asked why the American government’s alleged concern for human rights did not extend to Africa, he sadly remarked, “They’ve got no oil.” Another aid worker later remarked that she was astonished that Americans were not “rioting in the streets” in protest of the deceptions that led to the Iraqi war.

Although “rioting in the streets” would undoubtedly bring more political repression, courtesy of America’s megalomaniacal Attorney General John Ashcroft and his so-called “Justice Department” (those who saw the videotaped abuses inflicted on post 9/11 detainees clearly know what this means), the lack of outrage in America against the lies, hypocrisy and bloodlust of the Bush dictatorship, and those who support it, is frightening. It would seem that all Americans, but particularly those with children or other family members serving in Iraq, would be demanding impeachment after seeing a bellicose Bush in military attire on the deck of an aircraft carrier, since he avoided military service himself by joining the National

Guard, and then went absent without leave (AWOL) from that. It would seem Americans would be equally infuriated that other deceptive instigators of the Iraqi war--like Dick Cheney, Karl Rove and Paul Wolfowitz--avoided serving in the military. It would also seem that Americans would rebel against those who not only undermined democracy to create the Bush dictatorship, but who never even bothered to protect this democracy through military service--like former Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, Bush’s brother (and Florida Governor) Jeb, and Supreme Court “justices?” Antonia Scalia and Clarence Thomas. Finally it would seem that Americans would demand that the political commentators and celebrities who supported the Iraqi war, yet avoided serving in the military--like Sean Hannity, Joe Scarborough, William Kristol, Bill O’Reilly, Brit Hume, Kid Rock, Toby Keith, Ted Nugent, Bruce Willis and numerous others--now “put their money where their mouths are” by trading in their guitars, microphones, mansions and film careers playing “make-believe” soldiers for rifles, military fatigues and a “real” opportunity to get killed or maimed. After all, it is not difficult to be “brave” when the lives at risk are not one’s own.

But instead of outrage it appears that many Americans continue to be lulled into complacency by lullabies of propaganda and deceit, while those who exploit the war for self-aggrandizement and profit adroitly evade detection by camouflaging themselves in counterfeit garments of “patriotism.”

In a previous article for PRAVDA ([Lessons Learned, But Forgotten](#), 8/13/03), I explained that, in forming America’s government, the founders relied heavily upon the principle “that power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” This belief inspired a system of “checks-and-balances,” as well as a Bill of Rights, to guarantee that certain individual liberties would never be abrogated by either the government or the majority. I further asserted how history seemed to substantiate the founders’ judgment about the corrupting influence of power, since governments premised upon the hypothesis that human beings were

inherently good (and thus no check-and-balance was necessary) consistently produced some of the world's most brutal dictators.

The dilemma that persistently arises in America, however, is the fact that power, and those who hold it, resent being "checked and balanced." Yet this delicate system is the only bulwark between American democracy and American fascism. Therefore it is no surprise that the primary target of the Bush dictatorship is not Afghanistan or Iraq, but the check-and-balance system.

Fascism fits well into the simplistic ideologies of the Bush dictatorship. While fascists essentially agree with America's forefathers that people are basically evil, they actively manipulate this evil by trumpeting emotion over logic, and "great lies" over truth. This is normally accomplished through the exploitation of "scapegoats," who are marketed as the source of all social ills, coupled with appeals to humanity's basest instincts--bigotry, greed, fanatical nationalism, fear, and lust for conquest (just to name a few).

In fact, several disturbing analogies exist between George W. Bush and history's most infamous fascist, Adolph Hitler: Both men assumed power in defiance of the will of the majority; both men used "great lies" to pursue their warmongering agendas; both men preyed upon humanity's basest instincts to disseminate those "great lies"; both men were appeased by the British government, Hitler through Neville Chamberlain and Bush through Tony Blair; both men were willing to use national tragedies to justify the destruction of civil liberties, Hitler through the burning of the Reichstag and Bush through the September 11th terrorist attacks; both men were/are suspected of either participating in, or ignoring warnings about the imminence of, these tragedies in order to enhance their political stature and power; both men demonstrated no compunction about exploiting a culture of death for political self-aggrandizement, Hitler through his well-publicized genocide campaigns, and Bush who, while governor of Texas, routinely denied DNA tests to death row inmates, even though such tests could prevent wrongful

executions; both men were willing to appeal to racism, Hitler through his quest for a "master race," and Bush through his condemnation of affirmative action policies, which primarily benefit racial minorities. While denouncing such policies as "preferential treatment," Bush predictably displayed no such aversion to the preferential treatment enjoyed by wealthy white people, like himself, through a system of nepotism and cronyism; both men reveled in war and exploited the military to satiate their personal ambitions and vendettas; both men used war to enrich their political cronies; both men demonstrated contempt for international law and the concerns of the world community; and both men believed they were/are on some holy crusade inspired by a "divine province" that placed them into power.

But the disconcerting advantages the Bush dictatorship enjoys over Hitler's are the scientific advances that have made the implementation of fascism much easier. New technologies have given the government Orwellian capabilities. Programs now exist to decipher every stroke made on a computer keyboard, to spy upon people from great distances, to create databases designed to blacklist and harass those who don't obsequiously genuflect before official dogma, and to install microchips into vehicles, and even into people, to monitor their every move. In addition, advances in genetics provide the opportunity to establish a "master race," simply by denying insurance or other medical care to those with genetic proclivities to certain diseases, and to create DNA databases that will enable the government to categorize and/or spy upon individuals with certain genetic predispositions.

There is also the glut of "recreational" technology to keep Americans inactive and thus ill-informed: computer games, videos and DVDs, 24-hour sports broadcasts, hundreds of television channels available through cable or satellite, and a media enamored with a "cult-of-celebrity" to distract the populace with superficialities (innocuously called "infotainment") while social injustices are ignored and freedom and democracy decimated. In fact some social critics recently noted the irony that more outrage had been

generated over the methods used to select a champion in college football than the methods used to elect a president.

Of course some may argue that Hitler clearly was compelled by evil motives, while Bush was compelled by "benevolent" ones. But this ignores the reality that the primary difference between Bush and Hitler may simply be milieu, not mind-set. In fact, actor/activist Harry Belafonte once courageously asserted that the Bush administration is "possessed of evil." These words should not be dismissed as hyperbole. Hitler, after all, did not begin his campaign for world domination until fascism was deeply entrenched in Germany. The Bush dictatorship is still manufacturing this entrenchment. Given the analogies above, one must wonder if history would have been so radically different if George W. Bush and his war-crazed cronies were in power in 1938 Berlin instead of 2004 America.

Even a cursory study of American history reveals a nation that perpetually swings, like a pendulum, from overreaction to regret. During these periods of regret, the excesses and harms that overreaction generates are usually cured. But, with the new millennium only a few years old, concerned Americans, as well as the rest of the world, are now facing the prospect of the most powerful country on earth metamorphosing into a neo-fascist nation, existing in a constant state of war as truth is sacrificed on the altar of bellicosity, nationalism, greed, hypocrisy and selfish ambition. If this is left unchecked, those who seek to resurrect that long moribund world of peace and justice will soon become lone voices in the wilderness, eventually being heard no more. And by the time the people of the United States realize how myopic they were to have placed their democracy, their freedoms, their trust and their lives into the hands of deceitful and evil people, the pendulum will have ceased swinging.

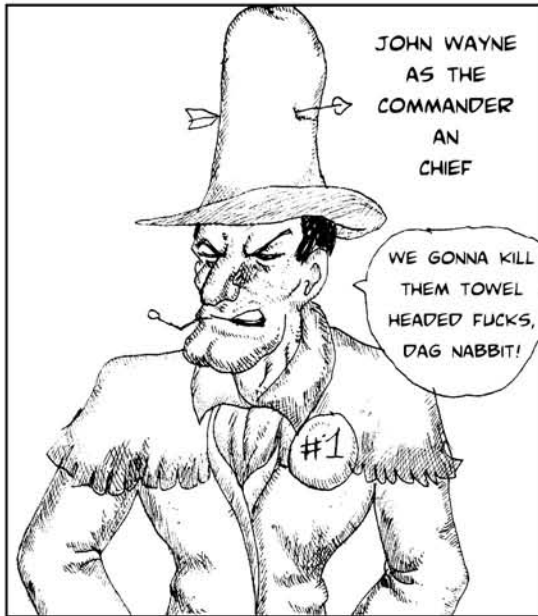
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27 Similarities between Hitler and President Bush

by Edward Jayne

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After President Bush promised last fall to invade Iraq, his spokesmen fell into the habit of comparing Saddam Hussein with Adolph Hitler, by most accounts the most monstrous figure in modern history. Everybody was therefore shocked when the German Minister of Justice turned the tables by comparing Bush himself with Hitler. As to be expected, she (the Justice Minister) was forced to resign because of her extreme disrespect for an American president. However, the resemblance sticks -- there are too many similarities to be ignored, some of which may be listed here.

1. Like Hitler, President Bush was not elected by a majority, but was forced to engage in political maneuvering in order to gain office.

2. Like Hitler, Bush began to curtail civil liberties in response to a well-publicized national outrage, in Hitler's case the Reichstag fire, in Bush's case the 9-11 catastrophe.

3. Like Hitler, Bush went on to pursue a reckless ultra-nationalist foreign policy without the mandate of the electorate.

4. Like Hitler, Bush has accordingly improved his popularity ratings, especially with veterans and conservative Republicans, by mounting an aggressive public relations campaign against foreign enemies. Just as Hitler cited international communism to justify Germany's military buildup, Bush uses Al Qaeda and the Axis of Evil to justify our current military buildup.

5. Like Hitler, Bush promotes militarism while in the midst of a major economic recession (or depression). He uses war preparations to help subsidize defense industries (Halliburton, Bechtel, etc.) and presumably the rest of the economy

on a trickle-down basis.

6. Like Hitler, Bush glorifies patriotism to stir up public support. He treats our nation's unique historic destiny almost as a religious cause sanctioned by God.

7. Like Hitler, Bush quickly makes and breaks diplomatic ties, and he makes generous promises that he soon abandons, as in the case of Mexico, Russia, Afghanistan, and even New York City.

8. Like Hitler, Bush envisages a future world order that guarantees his own nation's hegemonic supremacy rather than cooperative harmony under the authority of the United Nations (or League of Nations). He is willing to break the U.N. Charter in promoting this end.

9. Like Hitler, Bush scraps international treaties, most notably the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, the Biological Weapons Convention, the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, the Convention on the Prohibition of Land Mines, the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Kyoto Global Warming Accord, and the International Criminal Court.

10. Like Hitler, Bush depends on an axis of collaborative allies, which he describes as a "coalition of the willing," to give the impression of having a broad popular alliance. These include the U.K. as compared to Mussolini's Italy, and Spain and Bulgaria as compared to, well, Spain and Bulgaria, both of which were aligned with Germany during the thirties and World War II.

11. Like Hitler, Bush possesses a war machine much bigger and more effective than the military capabilities of other nations. Today, Bush depends on

a "defense" budget roughly equivalent to the combined military expenditures of the rest of the world.

12. Like Hitler, Bush is willing to invade other nations despite the opposition of the U.N. (League of Nations). He also has no qualms about bribing, bullying and insulting its members, even tapping their telephone lines.

13. Like Hitler, Bush pursues war without cutting back on the peacetime economy. He actually seeks to reduce taxes while conducting an expensive invasion and occupation of an "undesirable" nation.

14. Like Hitler, Bush launches unilateral invasions on a supposedly preemptive basis. Just as Hitler convinced the German public to think of Poland as a threat to Germany in 1939, Bush wants Americans to think of Iraq as a "potential" threat to our national security.

15. Like Hitler, Bush is willing to inflict high levels of bloodshed, with many thousands of casualties anticipated in Iraq, especially since the city of Baghdad--with a population of between 5 and 6 million--will be a primary target.

16. Like Hitler, Bush depends on a military strategy that features a "shock and awe" blitzkrieg beginning with devastating air strikes, then an invasion led by heavy armor columns.

17. Like Hitler, Bush is perfectly willing to sacrifice life as part of his official duty, as indicated by his unique record as a governor of Texas who was reluctant to commute death sentences.

18. Like Hitler Bush began warfare

on a single front (Al Qaeda quartered in Afghanistan), but then expanded it to a second front with Iraq, only to be confronted with North Korea as a potential third front. Much the same thing happened when Hitler expanded German military operations from Spain to Poland and France, then was distracted by Yugoslavia before invading the USSR in 1941.

19. Like Hitler, Bush has no qualms about imposing “regime change” by installing Quisling-style client governments reinforced by full-scale military occupation under a military governor.

20. Like Hitler, Bush curtails civil liberties and depends on detention centers (i.e. concentration camps) such as Guantanamo Bay.

21. Like Hitler, Bush repeats lies often enough that they come to be accepted as the truth. Bush and his spokesmen argue, for example that every measure has been taken to avoid war (hardly true), that an invasion of Iraq will diminish (not intensify) the terrorist threat to the world, and that the U.S. is staging an invasion because the risks of inaction would be greater (not less). All of this is highly debatable. They likewise argue that Iraq is linked with Al Qaeda (which has yet to be proven), and that nothing whatsoever has been achieved by U.N. inspectors to warrant the postponement of U.S. war plans (which simply isn’t true). They insist that Iraq hides numerous weapons it does not possess as well as can be determined by U.N. inspectors, and they refuse to acknowledge the total absence of any nuclear weapons program in Iraq since the late nineties. As perhaps to

be expected, they indignantly accuse everybody else of deception and evasiveness.

22. Like Hitler, Bush incessantly finds new excuses to justify war—from Iraq’s WMD threat to the elimination of Saddam Hussein, to his supposed Al Qaeda connection, to the creation of democracy in the Middle East as a model for neighboring states, and back again to the WMD threat. As soon as one excuse for war is challenged, Bush shifts to another, but only to shift back again at another time.

23. Like Hitler Bush and his cohorts exaggerate ruthlessness by their enemies in order to justify their own. Just as Hitler cited the threat of communist violence to justify even greater violence on the part of Germany, the Bush team justifies a full-scale invasion of Iraq by emphasizing Saddam Hussein’s crimes against humanity that were for the most part committed when Iraq was a client-ally of the U.S., supplied with both advisors and materiel (poison gas included) by our own government.

24. Like Hitler, Bush’s Messianic ambition to bring about America’s hegemonic dominance in the world makes him perhaps the most dangerous President in our nation’s history, a rogue chief executive capable of waging any number of illegal preemptive wars.

25. Like Hitler, Bush has become so obsessed with his vision of a Manichaeian conflict between good (U.S. patriotism) and evil (the anti-patriotic “other”) that for many in contact with the White House he is beginning to seem as if he has lost touch with reality.

26. Like Hitler, Bush takes pleasure in the mythology of frontier justice. As a youth Hitler read and memorized the western novels of Karl May, and Bush retains into his maturity his fascination with simplistic cowboy values. He also exaggerates a cowboy twang despite his elitist education at Andover, Yale and Harvard.

27. Like Hitler, Bush misconstrues evolutionary theory, in Hitler’s case by treating the Aryan race as being superior, in Bush’s case by rejecting science for fundamentalist creationism.

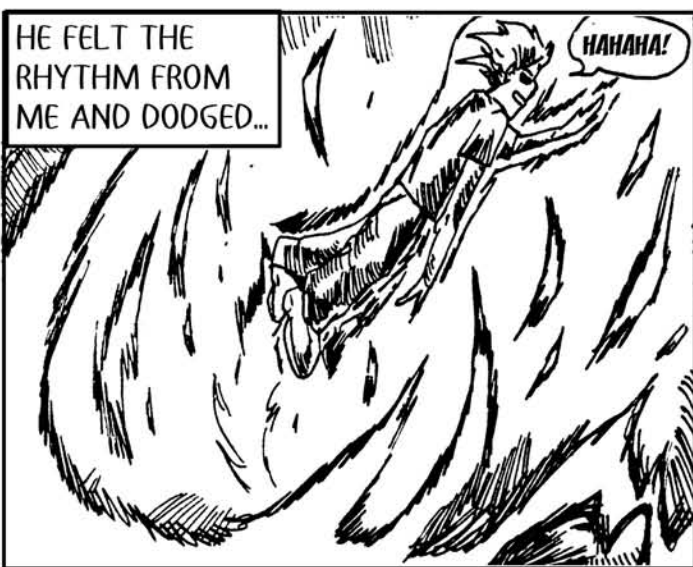
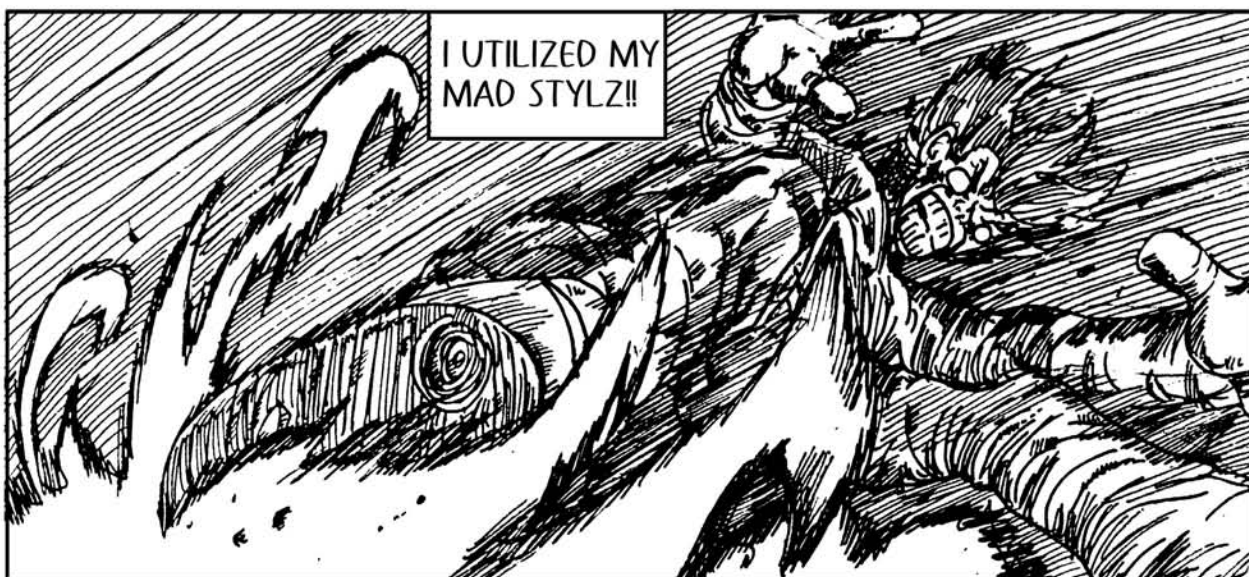
Of course countless differences may be listed between Hitler and President Bush, most of which are to the credit of Bush. Nevertheless, the twenty-seven resemblances listed here are striking, especially since Bush’s presidency this last couple of years must be compared to Hitler’s early performance as German Chancellor, preceding the chain of events that culminated in World War II. As with Hitler, Bush’s early successes in pursuit of global imperialism--whatever the cost to others--might well culminate in disaster, if not quite of the same magnitude.

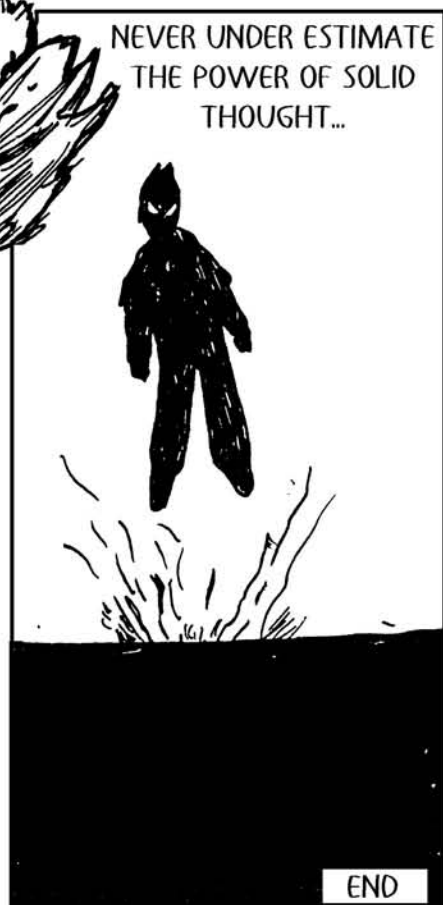
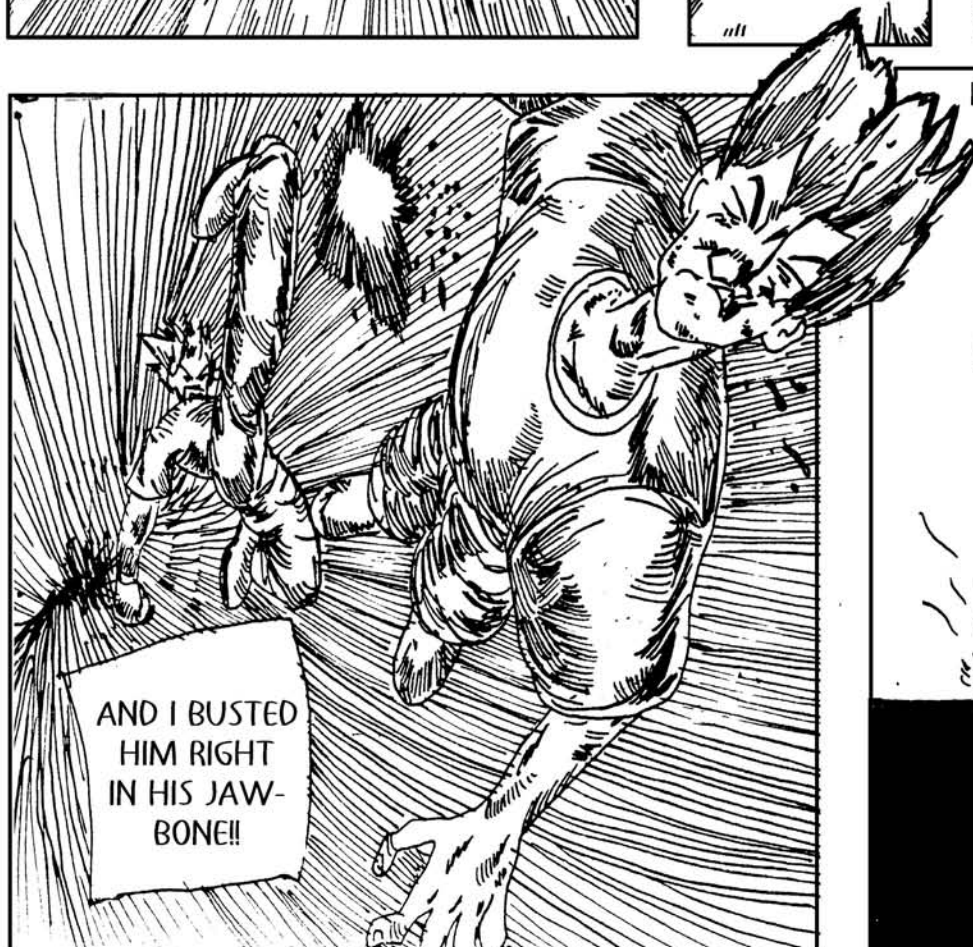
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Governments and Socioeconomic Policies 101

A Scholarly and Down-to-Earth Examination of the “system” and “the man”.

By France

Everyone complains about the government and how the system’ and “the man” treats them. But, ask that same person exactly what type of system that they are living in, they can’t tell you.

Some claim anarchy is cool. Others say socialism and may be even communism should be finally embraced.

Some others say that there is nothing like good old capitalism and democracy.

If you’re just the average person, who can’t tell the difference between a dictatorship and theocracy.

Then, get ready, put on your thinking caps, fasten your seat belts and observe the no smoking sign. You are about to take (or retake) a course in Government 101.

Wake Up! You will not fall asleep on us! There may be a quiz later.

(Note: A lot of these forms of government are quite similar.)

Anarchy: lawlessness or political disorder due to the absence of governmental authority. (The “Black Bloc” guys that tear up shit are not real anarchists. They are paid thugs.)

Capitalism: individuals or corporations own capital goods, with the

price, production and distribution determined mainly by competition in the marketplace.

Communism: property communally owned, with distribution of goods and services. (The Soviet Union, Cuba, and China under Mao)

Democracy: government of the people with the rights of the individual respected and protected by law and the authority of elected representatives. (The United States and Great Britain are actually Indirect Democracies. The representatives we vote into office, are supposed to vote on our behalf.)

Dictatorship: absolute power concentrated in an autocrat or Clique.

Fascism: single political party dictatorship with privately owned but strictly party-controlled, means of production. (Mussolini’s Italy and Hitler’s Germany during World War II, George W. Bush’s United States)

Monarchy: undivided rule or absolute sovereignty by one person, often a hereditary chief of state with life tenure. (Great Britain partially,* Saudi Arabia, Russia under the czars and a few others)

Oligarchy: often corrupt rule by a small underrepresented elite.

Socialism: no class

structure, economic divisions or private ownership, with production controlled by the community.

Theocracy: state or group government perceived as divinely guided. (The Vatican, some Native American tribes)

There are variations such as NeoFascism, Democratic Socialism and others. They are usually Just variations on the same theme.

*There are ‘hybrid’ governments like the one in Great Britain. There is a figurehead monarchy but, the government is parliamentary.

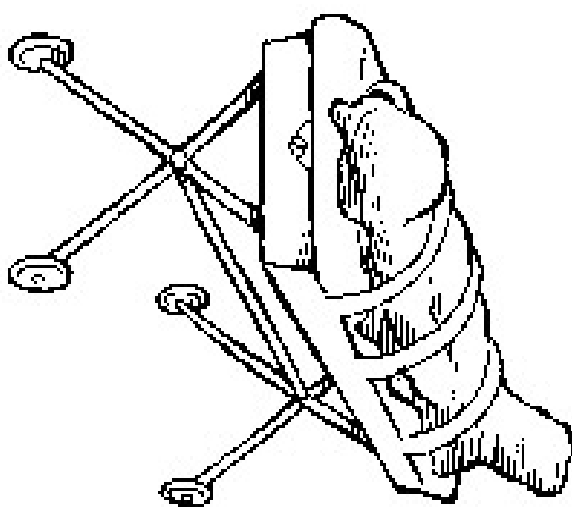
Our government is a Democracy that has a Capitalist economy.

What about a Fascist government with a Capitalist economy? (The United States of America again.)

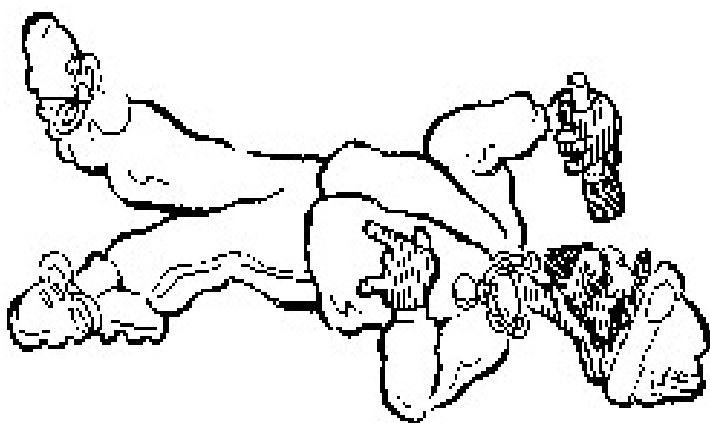
So the next time you’re talking to an anarchist or a socialist or even a neo-fascist, you’ll be more informed.

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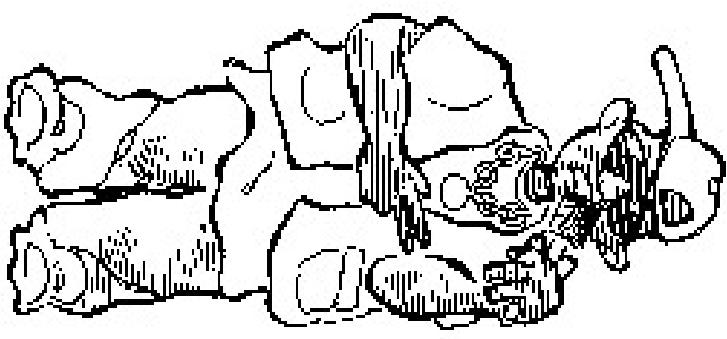
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What is with the chains in Rap Music? If Hip-Hop culture is essentially an urban movement invented by African-Americans in the ghettos of America's inner cities, then why is it perpetuating a symbol of enslavement? For those of you who are a bit out of the loop, hip-hop is slang for the "black subculture," which exists to complement the lifestyle and "economic" empowerment of the typical rap listener.





WAR IS PEACE
FREEDOM IS SLAVERY
IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH

America's Last Stand

by Luke

Preface

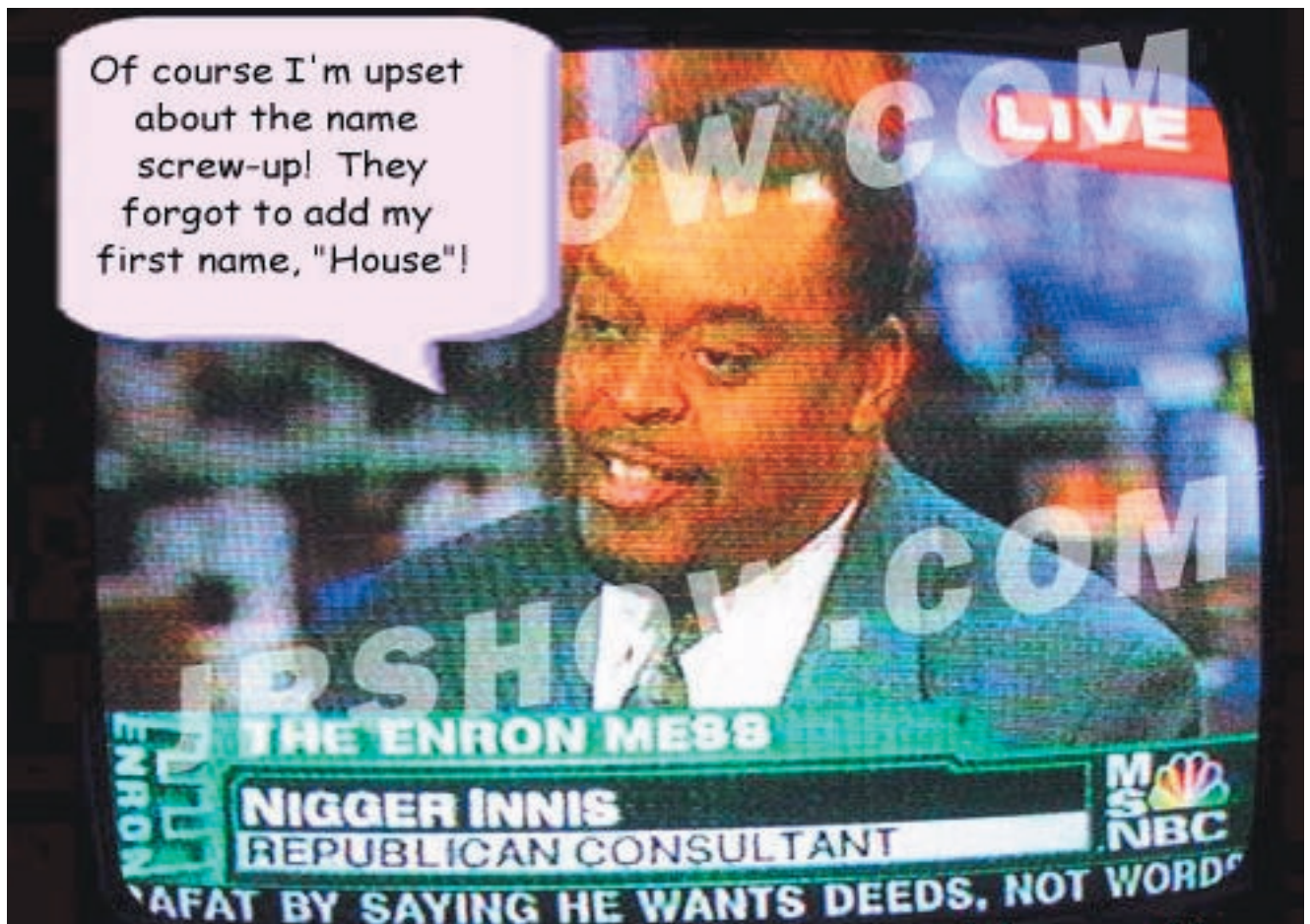
I have known this courageous man for a couple years now, and he has given me a lot of inspiration. He is a true hardcore revolutionary that is about change. He does not sit back like some so-called anarchists and wait for things to happen.

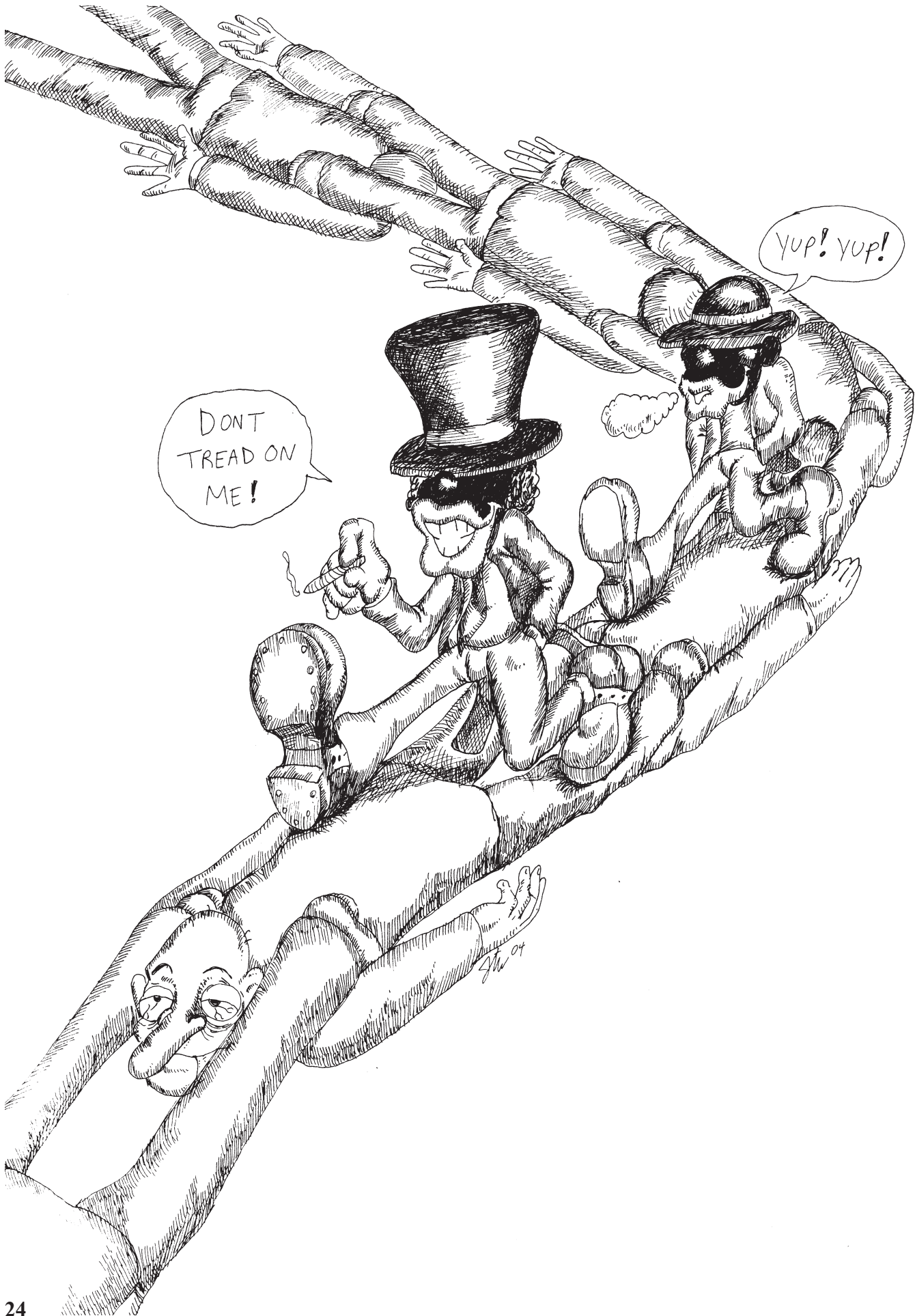
He practices direct action, the old-fashioned can-do American ethic, hands-on and no-nonsense. That describes Luke best. Hands-on and no-nonsense like this article. So, lets get on with it.

— France

The situation in the US today is like that in Germany in 1932-1934. When the German Left dropped the ball, it allowed the Nazis to win and forced the rest of the world to step in at great cost and sacrifice-and in a way that had very unpleasant consequences for Germany!

Either we do our job and clean up America's own mess, or the rest of the world will do it for us, and we WON'T like the results. Anyone who was in Berlin in 1945 can speak of what this means. The rest of the world will do whatever they have to do to stop imperialism, they will fight utterly without restriction if this continues. We in North America have only a short time left in which to clean up our own house.







WHEN WOULD JESUS FIGHT?

